

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 23  
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A RESOLUTION To recognize May 24 as Tennessee Aviation  
Maintenance Technicians Day.

WHEREAS, For one hundred years, mankind has shrugged the bonds of gravity, taking to the air through the spectacle of flight; and

WHEREAS, Of paramount importance to man's flight are those individuals whose knowledge and efforts are dedicated to maintenance, development, and engineering of the aircraft; and

WHEREAS, One such individual was Charles Edward Taylor, born May 24, 1869, who, in 1902, began working as a machinist for the Wright brothers in their bicycle shop in Dayton, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Charles Taylor designed and built the engine for the Wright brothers' "1903 Flyer" out of a 700-pound slab of metal, making possible the first manned aircraft flight. By building the first internal combustion aircraft engine, Mr. Taylor firmly established himself as a pioneer in the field of airplane maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Charles Taylor continued to design and build aircraft engines for the Wright brothers, fashioning over two hundred throughout his career, and served as the lead mechanic for the first transatlantic flight, made by Calbraith Perry Rodgers in 1911; and

WHEREAS, For more than sixty years, Charles Taylor forged a career in aviation maintenance, blazing a trail that many more would endeavor to follow; and

WHEREAS, Currently, more than twelve thousand federally certified aviation maintenance technicians labor to ensure the safety of the aircraft within this great State, striving to capture the dedication to excellence and pioneering spirit first put forth by Charles Taylor; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That May 24 shall be recognized as "Tennessee Aviation Maintenance Technicians Day", honoring those who, through their profession, make the glory of flight safe for all Tennesseans, continuing a tradition established by Charles Edward Taylor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.